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SELECTING CRITERIA FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
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**Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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